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#### 2014 New York Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in New York for 2014 is estimated at 35,500, unchanged from 2013, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service New York Field Office. Total land in farms, at 7.18 million acres, is also unchanged from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 202 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Farm numbers and land in farms are differentiated by six economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these six sales classes by summing the sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000. Producers were asked during the 2014 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2013 calendar year.

## **New York Highlights**

Changes in the number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 \$9,999 at 16,700 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 \$99,999 at 11,600, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 \$249,999 at 3,500 farms, increased by 200 farms.
- Sales Class \$250,000 \$499,999 at 1,700 farms, decreased by 200 farms.
- Sales Class \$500,000 \$999,999 at 1,000 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 1,000 farms, unchanged.

## Farmland changes by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 \$9,999 at 1.4 million acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 \$99,999 at 1.78 million acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$100,000 \$249,999 at 900 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$250,000 \$499,999 at 800 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$500,000 \$999,999 at 650 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 1.65 million acres, unchanged.

## Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 \$9,999: 84 acres
- Sales Class \$10,000 \$99,999: 153 acres
- Sales Class \$100,000 \$249,999: 257 acres
- Sales Class \$250,000 \$499,999: 471 acres
- Sales Class \$500,000 \$999,999: 650 acres
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 1,650 acres

The complete Farms and Land in Farms report is available online at http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-19-2015.pdf.

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